

# STABBACK

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This is STABBACK, a monthly journal of Diplomacy. It should be coming to your door every 30 days or so. Who could that mad man be, that keeps sending you this? "No not him" Yes it is Howard Christie. Subscriptions to STABBACK are 10/\$5.00. Game Fee is \$5.00 + subscription. STABBACK is edited and published by Howard R. Christie, P.O. Box 115, Millville, PA 17846 Phone Number (717) 458-5790

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WHAT? ME WORRY?

1984CO, 1984CT, 1984CZ, 1984HN, 1985W, and 1985??(Stabback #7) games in process

Deadline for all games is: August 12, 1985

Where has been STABBACK?

I would like to thank all my patient subscribers. I did not receive one angry phone call or nasty gram. I hope it has been worth the wait. I know it is late and you know it is late, but let me explain the situation to you.

I am a 2LT in the United States Army Reserve. I am very dedicated to the Army and when I get called upon to serve, I serve! So the last deadline was luckily placed on my one day off in between orders for active duty. The week before I had to spend a week at the reserve center, and the week after I had to go to Fort Drum New York for NBC school. So I had one day off inbetween orders and it was the day to get y'all's orders in for the zine. The week after was a planned trip to KY for my wife to see all her southern relatives. So there went the two weeks I use to get the zine out to you and the following week. That is why it is late. I guess there is always a first for everything. I promise not to make a habit of delaying your games, but sometimes the real world invades our hobby. All new deadlines will be placed around my life. By the way, the next deadline is only 1 week away from our summer camp and it should be on your door step when I get to summer camp. So please no phone calls or letters till I get back around Sept. 1, for the next issue only. I love to hear from you all, keep up the good gaming. Plus I am starting a letter column, so write in!!!!

## ZIMIAMIA #25

ZIMIAMIA is published by Rod Walker as a free service to hobby publishers and other hobby members. Recently it was faked and yes even myself received a copy of this (sic) fake. It was a pathetic fake, and I was surprised that much of the hobby at large was taken in by it. There were a number of tip-offs in the fake. #1 It was not typed in Rod's Typewriter print. #2 the lines about Fred Davis becoming the new variant Bank Custodian, yes it was a good choice, but the amount of mailings involved, be serious people. #3 The mistakes in spelling and word usage were out of this world, for a writer like Rod. (I guess there is someone out there that spells worse then myself, a miracle.) I believe that this fake was uncalled for and it was in bad taste. It attacks a real true believer in the hobby. The sort of person who did that should leave the art of faking to intelligent people and stop trying to rise above their inherently inferior abilities. Needless to say, the fake was not only clumsy, it was not in traditional spirit of fun, but was another example of the petty spite and ugly hate that is driving decent people out of the hobby.

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WORLD'S WORST DECISIONS

## Lost in Translation

In the mid-1960's General Motors launched its new "compact" Chevrolet Nova in the Mexican market. It was only when the appallingly bad sales figures came in that someone in Detroit discovered that NO VA means "it doesn't go" in Spanish.

## Famous Last Words

During the Battle of Spotsylvania in the Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick stood gazing out over a parapet. His officers urged him to duck, but the general ignored the warnings. "Nonsense," he declared. "They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist-"

## Super Sale

In June 1938 the first issue of Action Comics introduced Superman to the world. He was the creation of Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel - who, believing that a birdman in the hand was worth two in the bush, sold all rights to their publishers for \$130.

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MAPS

Many of you may be wondering where are the maps in this issue of STABBACK? Well, I decided to not print them this issue for more room devoted to the zine itself. If reader response is not great enough for their return, I will discontinue them. So let me know how y'all feel.

1984CO

WAR STILL GOES ON

SPRING 1907

ENGLAND (Phil Cooper): Built a lpl, f lon, f edn; f lon-ENG; f edn-NTH; f mar-GOL; f NAP s ef tun-ion; f TUN-ion; f TYH s ef nap; f den-HEL; f swe-DEN; f BEL-hol; f STP(sc)-hold; a spn-MAR; a par-BUR; a lpl-EDN

GERMANY (Andy Clough): RT a mar-otb; Removed a liv, f gob; a KIE-hol; a BER-kie; a tyo-VIE; a BOH s ga tyo-vie

ITALY (James Young): Removed a VIE; a tus-PIE; a ven-TYO; f apu-ADR; f rom-TUS

TURKEY (Steven McKinnon): Declines to build, Plays one short; a unk-MOS; a WAR s ta unk-mos; a GAL-boh; a BUD s ia vie(nsu); a ser-TRI; f ALB s ta ser-tri; f SEV-hold; f ION-hold; f EAS s tf ion

RUSSIA (Bob Smith): a mos\*s ta war; RT-otb or liv

Someone has proposed a concession to England. Would all players in the game please vote on this new proposal. No vote received counts as a yes vote. Fall 1907 moves will be due by August 22, 1985. Under-lined moves fail and capital letters show unit position.

1984CT

MASSIVE GAINS GATHERED BY THE TURKS

FALL 1905

AUSTRIA (Andy Clough) NRR, GM RTs a rum-otb; a VIE s aa bud-tri; a bud\*tri; RT a BUD-otb or gal

ENGLAND (James Early): f nth-NWY; f NWG s ef nth-nwy; f MID-eng; f ENG-nth; a PIC s fa par-bur

FRANCE (Bob Smith): a par-BUR; a GAS s ff gol-mar; f SPN(sc) s ff gol-mar; f GOL-mar

GERMANY (Phil Cooper): a bur-BEL; a RUH s ga bur-bel; a bel-HOL; a boh-MUN; a sil-WAR; a unk\*mos; RT UNK-otb or gal; f bal-DEN; f HEL-nth; f nwy\*s gf hel-nth; RT NWY-otb, swe, ska, bar, stp

ITALY (Hugh Christie): a MAR s if wes-spn(sc); a PIE s ia mar; f WES-spn(sc); f TYH-gol

RUSSIA (Paul Schembardi): a MOS s ta sev-unk

TURKEY (James Young): a sev-UNK; a tri-BUD; a SER s ta tri-bud; a RUM s ta tri-bud; f adr-TRI; f ALB s tf adr-tri; f bla-sev

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Winter 1905 and Spring 1906 moves are due by August 22, 1985. Note if the Austrian Army Bud and the German Army Ukraine both retreat to Galacia they both will be disbanded. The supply center chart follows on the next page.

1984CT Continued

A - vie, <del>þþd</del> , <del>þþn</del>	1=Remove 2
E - home, bre, nwy, (stp)	7=Build 1 or 0, depends on German retreat
G - home, den, <del>nwy</del> , (stp), hol, bel, war, swe	8=Remove 1 or is Even Depends on his retreat
F - par, spn, por, <del>þþr</del>	3=Remove 1
I - home, tun, mar	5=Build 1
R - mos, <del>þþy</del>	1=Even, did play 1 short
T - home, bul, gre, ser, rum, tri, bud, sev	10=Build 3

PRESS:

ENG-FRA: Sorry about the lack of communication, Bob. I'm still with you.

ENG-ALL: Never trust anyone from New York.

ENG-TUR: Go men, go!

1984CZ RUSSIAN AND GERMAN ALLIANCE MAKES GREAT GAINS FALL 1906

ENGLAND (Andy Clough): f STP(nc)-nwy; f NTH s ef stp(nc)-nwy; f NWG s ef nth; f LON s ef nth

FRANCE (Steven McKinnon): RT a PAR-bre; a bre\*par; a BRE RT-otb; a GAS -mar; a SPN s fa gas-mar

GERMANY (Hugh Christie): a NWY-holds; a pic-BRE; a PAR s ga pic-bre; a ruh-BEL; a BUR-gas; f SKA s ga nwy; f HOL-nth; f DEN s gf hol-nth

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a ROM-ven; a MAR s if mid-spn(sc); f MID-spn(sc); f apu-ADR; f NAP-holds

RUSSIA (Willis Beaver): a sev-RUM; a bud-TRI; a SER-bul; a TYO-ven; a SWY s rf bla-con; f ANK s rf bla-con; f bla-CON; a gal-BUD

TURKEY (Bob Smith): RT a ser-gre; a GRE s ta bul; a BUL s ta con; a con\*s ta bul; f tun-ION; f ion-EAS; f AEG s ta con

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. A R-~~G~~ draw has been proposed. All players are asked to vote on this draw proposal. Not sending in a vote will count as a yes vote. Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 orders will be due by 32 August, 1985. The supply center chart follows.

E - home, stp	4=Even
F - <del>þþf</del> , spn, por	2=Remove 1, bre-OTB Even
G - home, swe, den, nwy, hol, bel, par, bre	10=Build 2
I - home, mar, <del>þþn</del>	4=Remove 1
R - war, mos, sev, vie, tri, bud, rum, ser, con, ank, smy	11=Build 3
T - <del>þþn</del> , <del>þþy</del> , <del>þþr</del> , bul, gre, tun	3=Remove 2, RT CON-otb

PRESS:

FRANCE-ANYBODY: Anybody, Somebody, Please "HELP"!!!!

1984HN

RUSSIA GAINS AN AUSTRIAN CENTER

FALL 1904

AUSTRIA (Mike Perry): a GAL-unk; a BUD-hold; a ser-BUL; a boh-SIL; a\*con s af aeg-smy; f AEG-smy;

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): f KIE s rf bal-ber(NSO); a DEN s ef kie; f SWE s ea den; f edn-NTH; a wal-BRE; f ENG c ea wal-bre; f mao-SPN(sc); f POR s ef mao-spn(sc)

FRANCE (Paul Schembari): a MAR-pie; a BUR-mar; f wes\*gol;(RT-mao, otb) f NAF-wes; f\*spn(sc) s ff wes-gol(RT-gol,otb)

GERMANY (James Early): NMR!!! f HEL-hold

ITALY (Phil Cooper): a MUN-bur; a TYO-pie; f gol-WES; f TYH s if tun; f TUN s if gol-wes

RUSSIA (Jay Brumbaugh): f sev-BLA; a rum-SER; a sil-WAR; a BER-mun; a UNK-gal; f BAL-hold(NMR)

TURKEY (James Young): f bul(ec)-CON; f SMY s tf bul(ec)-con; a ANK s tf bul(ec)-con

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Winter and Spring orders are due no latter than 12 August, 1985. I would like to thank Stephen Wilcox for sending in stand by orders for Russia. The supply center chart follows:

A - home, gre, bul, <del>\$\$</del>	5=EVEN, a con-otb
E - home, nwy, swe, den, kie, hol, bre, por, spn	11=Build 3
F - par, mar, bel, <del>\$\$</del> , <del>\$\$</del>	3= Remove 2
G - <del>\$\$</del>	0= OUT
I - home, mun, tun	5= EVEN
R - home, rum, ser, ber	7= Build 1
T - home	3= EVEN

PRESS:

RUSSIA: The Czar of our great nation is sorry to have missed last turn, but our failing war against Japan (thanks to Sidney Pielly) distracted us.

PARIS: The French President was today heard to quote M-5 today: " This unit must die"!

PARIS-LONDON: Can you just let me live long enough to kill the Italian scum? Can You? Please! (Oh my God! That's my homeland!)

1985W

SEPERATION REQUESTED

WINTER 1901

AUSTRIA (David McCrumb): RT a tri-otb; Built a bud, a vie; has a bud; a vie, a ser, f gre

ENGLAND (Bob Smith): Built f lon; has a nwy; f lon; f nth; f bar

FRANCE (Phil Cooper): Built f bre, a par; has f bre, a par, a por, f spn(sc), a bur

1985W CONTINUED

GERMANY (Steven Decker): Built a kie; has a kie, f den, a mun, a ruh,

ITALY (Doug King): Built a ven, f nap; has a ven, f nap, a tri, a tyo, f tun

RUSSIA (Doug Christie): Built f stp(nc), a war; has f stp(sc), a war, f swe, f rum, a fin, a gal,

TURKEY (Bart Levy): Built f smy; has f smy, f ank, a bul, a con

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. I have orders on file for R, G, F, A, I, also press releases from each of the countries listed. I will not print any press sent because they did not state to print with or without for a separation of seasons. Spring 1902 orders are due by 12 August, 1985.

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1985??

STABBACK #7

SPRING 1901

AUSTRIA (Steven McKinnon): a vie-TYO; a bud-SER; f tri-ALB

ENGLAND (James Young): f lon-NTH; f edn-NWG; a lpl-EDN

FRANCE (Jeff Zarse): f bre-MAO; a par-BUR; a MAR s fa par-bur

GERMANY (Mike Perry): f kie-HOL; a mun-RUH; a ber-KIE

ITALY (Tony Rivera): f nap-ION; a rom-APU; a VEN-hold

RUSSIA (Andreas Kuhbier): a war-GAL; a mos-STP; f sev-RUM; f stp(sc)-GOB

TURKEY (Phil Cooper): a con-BUL; a SMY-hold; f ank-CON

Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Looks to be a good game, all opening moves made it. Fall 1901 orders are due by 12 August, 1985.

PRESS:

FRA-WOR: Would you guys please write!?

FRA GER: Sorry, but it is my Burgundy.

FRA-ENG: OK, I just hope I'm right in trusting you.

ITALY-WORLD: I thank one and all for the letters and kind words on my entering into postal DIPLOMACY. I look forward to quite an interesting game. By the way, what the hell is so special about Tyrolia? At least three people do not want me to go there. Could it be...? Naw.

GM-ITALY: REPO MAN!!!!!!

TONY-STEVE: I hope we can be friends. by the way what is your telephone number? I have spent two nerve-racking nights trying to find you!!

ROME-ST PETE: So, what are you up to?

STABBACK #7 CONTINUED:

TONY-STEVE, MIKE, AND JEFF: Okay. I trusted you three. Now what??

TONY-JEFF: Sorry. shouldn't have included you in that last entry.

ITALY-ALL: Good day.

AUSTRIA-EUROPE: Congratulations, the most correspondance I've had in any game and its only the first turn.

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PRESS FOR 1984CO

TURKEY-GERMANY: Oh my, another victim of a minor setback. Care to join me and my Italian friends, or would you simply prefer to evaporate?

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STANDBY LIST:

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's standby list. If you want on or off just drop me a line. If a player plays out a stand by position, that player will recive three free issues to STABBACK. Names do not appear in any special order.

TOBIN, BRUMBAUGH, COOPER, YOUNG, CHRISTIE, MCKINNON, MCCRUMB, WILCOX BEAVER, AND ZARSE.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Paul Schembari - 1661 72nd street, Brooklyn, NY 11204

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STABBACK #8

I will be opening another game of Regular Diplomacy as soon as one of the games in progress is completed. I have three new players signe up for this new game.

Getgen, Nogle, and the name escapes me at the moment, sorry.

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JOKE TIME

A traveling salesman took a girl up to his hotel room. He poured her a glass of whiskey and as he added the soda, he looked up and said, "Say when!"

"Can't I even have my drink first?"

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Poor Shirley, between dishes and douches she's always in hot water

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